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1. Taiwan Gas Company of Taipei solicited bids in July 1953 for refractory materials to be used for additional gas producing furnaces. Clay and silica refractory shapes were types required.
2. Nihon Yoro Kaisha, a Japanese refractory manufacturer, made the best bid and was awarded the contract. Their bid was the equivalent of US\$39,775. The closest US bid was US\$83 thousand.
3. _____ cannot compete with Japanese manufacturers even though the quality of our material is superior. Japanese competition is becoming increasingly evident in refractory trade.

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